

To: Food and Drug Administration
From: S. Mackler
Re: Docket Nos. 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

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I am ~~writing~~ to ask that you prohibit the ~~inhumane and disease promoting practice~~ of forced molting of hens.

It is well known that forced molting destroys the hens' immune systems. Not only does this cause unnecessary disease and deaths among the birds, it increases the passage of diseases on to humans who consume the eggs. One such disease is Salmonella enteriditis which is shed at an increased rate from laying hens subjected to this cruel and dangerous practice.

I am asking that you immediately prohibit this misguided husbandary tactic. It compromises the health of the public for the profit of special interests. It is my understanding you have the jurisdiction to prohibit farming practices that threaten public health; now is the time to exercise that ability.

Your response is appreciated, including what action you took and the outcome.

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